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2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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## INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county</b>	Elkhart
<b>Governing authority</b>	Elkhart Court Services
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Susan Mora
<b>Detention facility’s mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure public safety by providing a safe, secure environment for lawfully detained juveniles.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for the juveniles' basic needs, including: shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene, and medical care while in secure detention.</li> <li>• Protect juveniles' legal rights while detained in the Juvenile Detention Center.</li> <li>• Provide continual improvement in programming and services in: education, visitation, counseling, supervision, medical, food, recreation, library materials, addictions, and religious services.</li> <li>• Provide housing for juveniles in a safe, humane environment, maintaining the level of security required to prevent escapes.</li> </ul>
<b>Rated capacity</b>	17
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	15
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	13.82
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	19.08 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	1985
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Extensive painting in all areas of the center. New beds, bedding and clothing.
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	New camera system with 2 weeks of record time.
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Positive Peer Culture (PPC)
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	CBM Managed Services
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Thomas Weber
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Dr. Kendell Stephens, Osteopathic Physician
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Oaklawn

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott
<b>File Review of the 26 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>

<b>Facility Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and well-maintained.</li> <li>• The Center had newly purchased mattresses and youth clothing. The common area and sleeping room walls were freshly painted. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition.</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth, two females and two males, all with previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• All youth reported without hesitation that they felt safe at the facility.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlighting should be numbered according to standard</li> <li>• Remove over documentation</li> <li>• Include MAYSI in documentation when necessary</li> </ul>

**SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 1/19/16, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Elkhart County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Mora. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 16. The youth appeared to be in good health, and the sleeping rooms, dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained.

On 5/20/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Elkhart County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Mora. Youth were observed participating in education, and preparing for lunch. The facility population count was 12. The youth appeared to be in good health, and the sleeping rooms, dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)**

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/19/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. The education program operates year round with instructional days of six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program, or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one full-time aide.

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 2/12/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

## CONCLUSION

Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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